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FOR LOUGHRAM AF/W

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SUBJECT: BOUBACAR KANTE, SECRETARY GENERAL FOREIGN AFFAIRS

MALI'S NEW AMBASSADOR TO U.S.?

1. BOUBACAR KANTE, SECRETARY GENERAL OF FONOFF INFORMED ME MARCH 24 THAT HE HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S. AND THE U.N. AND THAT AGREEMENT HAS BEEN SOUGHT THROUGH MALIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON. KANTE IS DELIGHTED WITH THIS NOMINATION AND WENT TO GREAT LENGTH TO EXPRESS HIS ADMIRATION FOR THE U.S. AND THE MANY AMERICANS HE KNOWS.

2. KANTE HAS BEEN VERY EFFECTIVE AS SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE AND HAS BEEN PERSONALLY VERY FRIENDLY AND HELPFUL TO THE EMBASSY. HE IS AN EXPERIENCED CAREER CIVIL SERVANT AND WILL DOUBTLESS BE EFFECTIVE IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK. HE HAS THE REPUTATION OF BEING SOMEWHAT LEFT-WING IN HIS VIEWS, MAKES NO BONES OF HIS OPPOSITION TO AMERICAN POLICY IN THE FAR EAST AND HAS BEEN VERY FRIENDLY WITH EASTERN BLOC AND CHINESE DIPLOMATS HERE. NONETHELESS, HE HAS BEEN HELPFUL TO US ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS. HE HAS AN OUTGOING AND CHEERFUL PERSONALITY AND IS EASY TO GET ALONG WITH. HE SPEAKS WITH A NOTICEABLE LISP WHICH

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AT TIMES MAKES HIM HARD TO UNDERSTAND. I FRANKLY DO NOT

KNOW WHETHER HE SPEAKS ENGLISH, BUT SINCE HE WAY PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVE FOR MALI TO THE U.N. 1967-69, I ASSUME THAT
HE DOES. I HAVE ALWAYS FOUND HIM TO BE WELL INFORMED AND
HE STUDIES HIS DOSSIERS CAREFULLY.

3. I HOPE THAT HIS AGREEMENT WILL NOT BE UNDULY DELAYED.

4. THE ONLY REASON FOR THE RESTRICTIVE CLASSIFICATIONHHC
THIS MESSAGE IS THAT I DO NOT KNOW THE STATUS OF THE REQUEST
FOR AGREEMENT IN WASHINGTON. I LEAVE IT TO YOUR DISCRETION
AS TO WHEN AND WHETHER A WIDER DISTRIBUTION SHOULD BE GIVEN
TO THIS MESSAGE.

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